

# Lancaster County - Substance Abuse Action Coalition

Steering Committee - 3/10/04

501 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Family Services

## Minutes

Present were: Sandy Morrissey, Rod Combs, Mary Costello, Jane Reynolds, Jerome Barry, Leslie Crawford, Tim Perry, Jay Conrad, Petra Smith, Kit Boesch, Otto Schultz, Mary Barry-Magsamen, Deb Daily, Karen Heusel, Brendan Evans

1. Introductions: New Member - Deb Daily from the Center for People in Need. Deb will be representing the Prevention Coalition, as she is the new chairperson for it.
2. Next Meetings April 14, May 12, and June 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Family Services 501 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St.
  - a. The second Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. looks good to everyone, so we will continue to meet on the second Wednesday for the foreseeable future.
3. Prevention Team Report - Petra Smith, Cedars
  - a. Deb Daily is the new chairperson for the Prevention Coalition. Otto Schultz will provide staff support and Brittawni Olson will focus strictly on project evaluation.
  - b. The Coalition is now dividing into three work groups, media, policy and enforcement and program. It is moving from being a collaborative of prevention agencies and services to a community coalition.
  - c. Funding Update: We are working toward application for State Incentive Cooperative Agreement funds. We have completed the application for Drug Free Communities - Year 3 funding.
  - d. Weed and Seed - Project DEFY
4. Criminal Justice Team - Tim Perry
  - a. We are now restructuring into two groups, one for youth and one for adults.
  - b. Ten people representing various youth, substance abuse and juvenile justice agencies, met and began identifying issues. They will begin shaping those issues at their next meeting and determine the directions to take with them.
5. **BACK ON TRACK** Team - Mary Barry-Magsamen
  - a. We completed the first matrix showing Treatment Capacity of the 23 agencies in Lincoln. The next step will be to move on to the acquiring comprehensive Waiting List information.
  - b. "Moment of Serenity is the Media Event planned for April 24, 11:00 a.m. The focus will be a gathering of hundreds of friends of recovery who will join hands in a moment of serenity to celebrate recovery. There will be speakers including a keynote from a community leader. All will adjourn to the park for a free picnic. We will invite all of the coalition and everyone else in town.
  - c. Training for Physicians April 23. Dr. Joseph Rogers and Otto Schultz will present screening and brief interventions to family practice residents. Jerome recommended that we also contact Dr. Kathleen Grant at Omaha VA who does presentations on this issue.

6. Program and Agency Reports

- a. Independence Center is in the design phase of a new facility for 32 Short Term Res beds. Groundbreaking in 2005. Bryan LGH will have 9 beds for Detox when new mental health program opens.
  - b. St. Monica's opened a new Project Mother and Child for women from homes with domestic violence. A cooperative project with Friendship Home, it can handle 7 families with a stay of 6 months plus. Judy Collins will be singing for St. Monica's on June 24 at Embassy Suites.
  - c. Lincoln Diocesan Council on Alcoholism and Drugs is sponsoring an awareness Sunday for October sometime. Kit recommended that they look into a \$7,500 Keno grant.
  - d. National Guard is understaffed because of Iraq and Afghanistan.
  - e. Kit reported on letter of support from the County Commissioners for LB 1083.
7. We currently have "Collaboratives" of agencies. "Everyone" says we need to have broad and vocal community representation. How do we integrate community members into the coalition? SICA has Tool Kit of people who should be on the coalition. If we are data driven then we can tell people what we need from them. People who should be on our coalition include influential decision makers. High visibility people who have a viable issue. People who have a personal stake. They feel the pain.
- a. Jane Reynolds, Petra Smith, Sandy Morrissey, Rod Combs, and Derek Effle formed a committee to identify people we should get into either the prevention coalition or the steering committee.
1. Identity Materials
- a. Brendan Evans reported on progress with letterhead design at Snitily Carr. Rod Combs said that the National Guard would donate the printing for brochures.
  - b. Design and content new member packet/folder - What should go into it? Should each team have its own eventually so that Steering Committee Members get all three?